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THANKS TO JTTF MEMBERS

The Portland Division would like to thank all of the men and women—and the agencies they represent—who serve on the JTTF. While the workload continues to increase, these people prove again and again their dedication to help protect and secure our region.

In the past few weeks, we lost two of Portland Police Bureau's finest as they were forced to transfer back to PPB full time. These investigators proved invaluable in many important international and domestic terrorism cases.

The FBI and other JTTF partners will strive to continue to deliver the high caliber of work that these officers did, but they will be missed. We wish them all the luck in their future work.

Meantime, the FBI is working with at least one other agency that is interested in helping to backfill the positions. Those talks are on-going.

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The Need to Work Together to Fight Fraud

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No one doubts the importance of focusing law enforcement's time and resources on issues such as terrorism, methamphetamine, and violent crimes. However, we are now seeing and living with an explosion of a different kind of crime—fraud. In some cases, the fraud funds the higher priority crimes listed above. In other cases, the fraud is an end in and of itself.

Frauds come in all shapes and sizes... from traditional paper scams to high-tech cheats. However you classify them, frauds are a growing problem.

A study by the Federal Trade Commission shows that the Portland / Vancouver region ranked 12th among major metropolitan areas for fraud complaints. It ranked 15th for ID theft complaints. When it comes to fraud overall, the biggest problem areas are as follows:

- ID theft (39%)
- Internet auctions (16%)
- Shop-at-home and catalogs (8%)

When you look at just ID theft, the victims report that they were targeted in these areas:

- Credit cards (28%)
- Phones and utilities (19%)
- Bank fraud (18%)

The FBI has a significant interest in helping to stem this tide that is washing over our communities.

Specifically, we focus our efforts in these areas: corporate fraud, health care fraud, mortgage fraud, ID theft and money laundering. In recent months, we have seen several significant cases in Oregon. They include:

- ⇒ The indictment of a Corvallis man, Scott Guenther, for his alleged involvement in a \$13 million Internet investment scheme.
- ⇒ The indictment of Brian Hicks, a Portland man, for his al-

leged involvement in a \$1.5 million scam to defraud approximately 600 investors from across the country.

⇒ The guilty pleas of four defendants in two different health care fraud cases. The first involved 12,000 incidents of over-billing to government health care insurers. The second involved a \$1 million loss to Medicare for false claims related to motorized wheelchairs.

The problem can seem overwhelming, but by working together we can make an impact. None of these cases would have been possible without our federal and local partners.

We also need to empower our citizens to help protect themselves. People in our area can now check their credit reports at www.annualcreditreports.com. They should report any frauds at www.ic3.gov.

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FBI Fugitive Publicity Program Takes Cases to National Audience

A number of Oregon fugitives are getting some new exposure—on the FBI's websites and on television. Among those getting attention in May: Wayne Arthur Silsbee and Barron Weirich Maye. Both are profiled on



W. Silsbee
1996

the FBI's national and local web-sites.

Silsbee is wanted for his alleged involvement in multiple

sexual assaults against girls ages 8 to 10. The assaults occurred in 1995 and 1996 in Clackamas County. He is fluent in sign language, and he enjoys playing musical instruments, including the piano, guitar and handbells. Silsbee has ties to Missouri, California, Colorado, Arizona and Washington.

In 1986, a Multnomah Court convicted Maye on kidnapping, assault and prostitution charges. The charges relate to an attack on a



B. Maye
Mid-1990's

substance before he fled the scene. He may be in Mexico.

A third Oregon man, Donald Earl Crawford, is wanted for the alleged sexual abuse of a then 12-year old girl in Washington County in

woman in which she was stabbed multiple times and raped, and then Maye tried to inject her with an unknown

2002. A CNN Headline News program, the *Nancy Grace Show* (5 pm Pacific), will profile Crawford on its Wednesday, June 8 show.

Be sure to watch the FBI's web site for two new Oregon fugitive additions in June! You can access all the information about these and other fugitives on the FBI's main web site at www.fbi.gov or the local web site at <http://portland.fbi.gov>.

FBI Shares Message with Community and Kids

Two of the FBI's Community Outreach programs have been active this spring, spreading the Bureau's message about its work and its people.

The FBI's Citizens' Academy program just wrapped up with a graduation ceremony in May. In this course, more than 20 "students" spent three evenings and a half-day learning about the FBI's priority programs, our specialty services (such as the Evi-



FOX 12 Reporter David Wilson gets a chance to shoot an MP-5 during the FBI Citizens' Academy "Day at the Range".

dence Response Team), and the rigorous training our agents must go through.

The "students" included a diverse group of business and community leaders, law

enforcement partners and the media.

Earlier this year, the FBI graduated a class of middle school-aged students from its FBI Jr. Agent Program.

This program, housed at the Police Activities League (PAL) Youth Center was a big hit.

Here, the kids worked through issues such as peer pressure and the media's influence on drug use and violence. They also got a chance to take a crash course in CSI science, experience physical fitness requirements and learn about cyber safety.

Need to Know Notables: New CDC, E-mail and NA Picks

NEW CHIEF DIVISION COUNSEL

The Portland Division is welcoming our new CDC, Jared Garth. CDC Garth was most recently stationed at FBIHQ, and before that he served in New York City. He has served as an FBI agent for eight years.

CONTACTING THE PORTLAND OFFICE BY E-MAIL

Many of the FBI's external e-mail accounts were recently disabled. The Bureau is in the process of replacing those accounts with new accounts and e-mail addresses. As soon as that process is complete, we will notify as many regular contacts as possible with the

new information. Until that time, if you need to contact us, use established LEO accounts or do it the old-fashioned way (phone and fax).

FBI's NATIONAL ACADEMY PICKS

Congratulations to the current group of Oregon law enforcement officers selected to the FBI National

Academy: Lt. Marva Eberhard, Washington Co. SO; Lt. Chuck Bennett, Salem PD; and Sgt. Jeff Kosmicki, Newberg PD. This class will graduate in June.

